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With Removable Trough

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37 C.F.R. §1.97(C)

Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R.  
§1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Supplemental Information Disclosure  
Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

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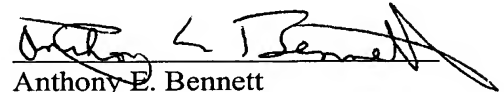
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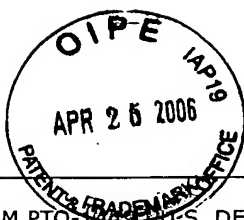
If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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